



Mosaic AY 2012

September thru November, 2012



As you begin a demanding year here at the Army War College, let me take this opportunity to welcome all of you to our community! I trust that you will find this year to be professionally and personally rewarding. Gail and I look forward to the coming school year, getting to better know you and your families. You are embarking on a wonderful one -year voyage,-orientation is completed and you will all now transfer to your academic seminar structure and be introduced to you American classmates. Remember my charge to you; to challenge your American classmates daily with your own thoughts and perspectives. Your participation in seminar is critical to the success of the War College learning experience.

The year will go by quickly. While academics will often seem to take up all of your time, I also urge you to travel on your own and become familiar with more of the United States than just the Carlisle area. There are ample academic breaks throughout the year that will afford you an opportunity to travel and experience much of what America has to offer. Take advantage of these academic breaks to broaden your impressions of our country.

As you transition to seminar life, my door remains open to you at all times. Our dedicated office personnel and I stand ready to assist you in any way. Remember to drop by our office regularly to let us know how you are doing and don't hesitate to bring any problems that might arise to our attention. We are here, first and foremost, to support you and will do everything we can to ensure that your Carlisle and War College experience is a pleasant one!

Good luck in the upcoming year!

Alpo Portelli

SEPTEMBER

07 – Brazil -	Independence Day
08 – Macedonia -	Independence Day
15 – El Salvador -	Independence Day
16 – Mexico -	Independence Day
18 – Chile -	Independence Day
22 – Mali -	Independence Day

OCTOBER

01 – Nigeria -	Independence Day
03 – Korea -	Thanksgiving Day
03 – Germany -	Unification Day
06 – Egypt -	Armed Forces Day
08 – Israel -	Yom Kippur
09 – Uganda -	Independence Day
10 – Taiwan -	Double Ten Day
13 – Burundi -	Prince Rwagasore Day
21 – Honduras -	Armed Forces Day
24 – Zambia -	Independence Day
25 – Romania -	Armed Forces Day
28 – Czech Rep. -	National Day
29 – Turkey -	Independence Day

NOVEMBER

11 – Poland -	Independence Day
15 – Brazil -	Proclamation Day
16 – Mexico -	Revolution Day
22 – Lebanon -	Independence Day
25 – Bosnia -	Statehood Day
25 – Suriname -	Independence Day
28 – Albania -	Independence Day

The Calendar

September

06	IF Monthly Meeting
08	FLAGS meeting
09	TOEFL Test
09	9-11 Ceremony
10	Fall Yard Sale
16	Air Shipwreck Ball
19-20	West Point
20	Hispanic Heritage
22	Euro-America Regional Social
26	NYC Brief w/spouses
26	Dickinson Reception
29 Sep-2 Oct	Western NY Trip

October

04	IF Monthly Meeting
10	AUSA Washington, DC
14	CGSC Reception at Gettysburg
15	CBks Oktoberfest
20	"Know Your World"
21	International Hall of Fame
31	Halloween

November

02	IF Monthly Meeting
05	IF Social Event
08	HFPA IF Reception
11	Veteran's Day Holiday
14-19	NYC Trip
23(1300)-28	Fall Recess



*Happy
Holidays*





The purpose of the orientation course is to provide you with an understanding of how this could be the best year of your life. The six weeks spent together, provide an opportunity to know a little about yourself and others and for you to learn about life in the United States.

This time provides a unique

transition to the U.S. and prepares you to a student's life and the challenges of the Army War College. The focus is to establish an environment of understanding of others culture and ideas and to create an interpersonal bond that will persevere beyond graduation. Some of the activities during the orientation cannot be forgotten, to include the introduction to the game of softball. While some of you had some ideas and concepts of the game, others experienced it for the first time.



Despite that many were first -timers, the lack of experience did not prevent you from acting like professional ball players by the end of the day.



During the softball practice section, many of the students felt strange with the equipment or perhaps felt awkward.

Why do they call it softball?

That ball is hard as a rock.

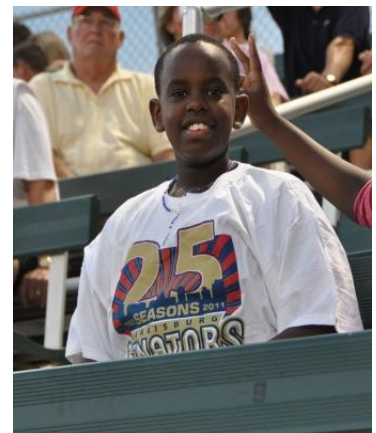
Don't be afraid... use the glove to protect your self....

Many students struggled with the concept of the game, especially with the name.



Later in the day, students had the opportunity to experience watching a professional baseball game. It was no surprise that many questions were asked and comparisons with softball were made. Many students still prefer to watch soccer instead of baseball. This visit to the ballpark allowed the students to experience the true Americana sport of summer. The Fellows sampled hotdogs, beer, and other stadium refreshments as well as everything that a visit to a baseball game has to offer. Even though some were luckier than others and caught souvenirs to take home and remember this event for life.

[\(To see additional photos\)](#)





The Welcome Picnic is an event that provides an opportunity for everyone to meet, talk, and share good food. Many good friendships often begin at this picnic. They mingle and interact with each other to ask questions each other. It is a unique opportunity to get to know a little more about the international student's home country and culture as well as their home for the next year. In addition, this activity serves as a team building exercise, providing interaction and bonding opportunities for families and sponsors.

Students and families enjoy the great Pennsylvania weather and food at the Welcome Picnic! The only picnic rule is that everybody needs to have a good time...There were many activities for all to participate in and enjoy.



Under the "mandatory fun" rule, here we can appreciate some excellent examples!



Ok, this didn't look so difficult before we started to move.

Talking about mutual understanding, here we see the objective of the activity to fraternize not only with Americans but with International students as well.



What are we supposed to do again???



[To see additional photos click here](#)

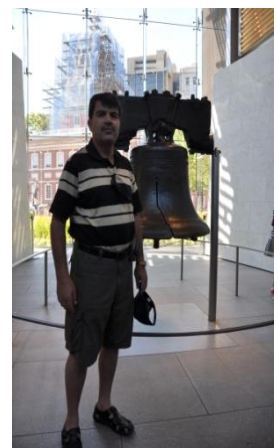
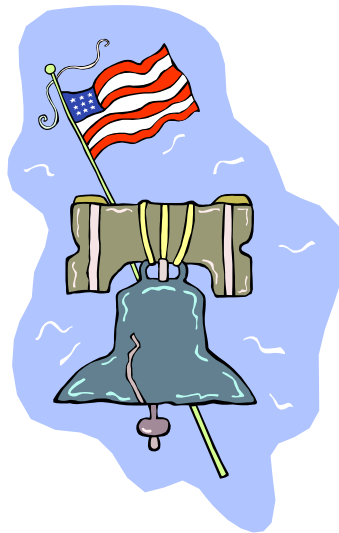
Field Study programs are an amazing and unique component of International Fellows Program; they are developed and directing by the Department Of Defense. The Joint Security Cooperation Education and Training Regulation outline the requirements. The Field Studies Program is developed and implemented with the specific objective of promoting an understanding of U.S. Media, Health and Human Services, Education, The Free Market System, The Judicial System, Political processes, U.S. Government Institutions, Diversity & American Life, Human rights. Here are some of the programs we visited in the area. (To see additional photos)



The students received briefings and presentations regarding local government and the judiciary system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. (To see additional photos)



In continuing the Orientation Program FSP, the Fellows and their families had the opportunity to visit the first National Capital, Philadelphia, PA.





The Fellows and their families had the opportunity to visit the Amish country in the Lancaster area. The visit highlighted the Amish and their simple way of life. "All aspects of Amish life are dictated by a list of written or oral rules, known as **Ordnung**, which outlines the basics of the Amish faith and helps to define what it means to be Amish."

(Albrecht Powell, http://pittsburgh.about.com/cs/pennsylvania/a/amish_2.htm)
(To see additional pictures hold "ctrl" click)



As a part of the education system, the IF visited a very interesting program at the Milton Hershey School. A private boarding school founded by Milton Hershey. The school operates with a trust fund which has controlling interest in the Hershey Company, Hershey Entertainment and Resorts Company and Hersey Park, totaling over six billion dollars in assets. This makes it one of the wealthiest schools in the world. [\(To see additional pictures\)](#)



Moving on to the Federal Government, the students visited the State Department where they received a firsthand briefing regarding the operation and mission of the organization. During this program, students engage in a question and answer period.

[\(To see additional pictures\)](#)

Hershey Park

Exploring the American love of chocolate and thrills, we spent a wonderful day at Hershey Park with the help of the Hershey Corporation who provided all of us with tickets. [\(To see additional photos\)](#)



U.S. HOLIDAY HISTORY

Columbus Day (10 October)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

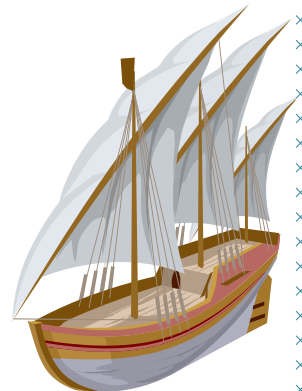


Columbus Day is a holiday celebrated in many countries in the Americas, commemorating the date of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the New World in 1492. Similar holidays, celebrated as Día de la Raza (Day of the Race) in many countries in Latin America, Discovery Day in the Bahamas, and Hispanic Day in Spain. Italian Americans observe Columbus Day as a celebration of Italian American heritage. Columbus Day was first celebrated by Italians in San Francisco in 1869, following on the heels of 1866 Italian celebrations in New York City. The first state celebration was in Colorado in 1905, and in 1937, at the behest of the Knights of Columbus (a Catholic

fraternal service organization named for the voyager), President Franklin Delano Roosevelt set aside Columbus Day as a holiday in the United States. Since 1971, the holiday has been commemorated in the U.S. on the second Monday in October, the same day as Thanksgiving in neighboring Canada.

Many people oppose Columbus Day, claiming his achievements are not worthy of a holiday. Historically, Columbus was not the first to discover America, nor was he the first European to land at America. That honor goes to the Viking Leif Ericson, who landed in present-day Newfoundland. In recent years, the holiday has been rejected by many people who view it as a celebration of conquest and genocide by the Spaniards. In its place, Indigenous Peoples Day is celebrated.

- 1792 a ceremony organized by the Society of St. Tammany, or Columbian Order was held in New York City honoring Columbus and the 300th anniversary of the landing.
- Oct. 12, 1866, out of the pride for their native son, the Italian population of New York organized the first celebration of the discovery of America.
- 1869 when Italians in San Francisco celebrated Oct. 12, they called it Columbus Day.
- 1892 President Benjamin Harrison proclaimed the 400th Anniversary of the event.
- 1905 Colorado became the first state to observe a Columbus Day. Since 1920 the day has been celebrated annually.
- 1937 President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed every Oct. 12 as Columbus Day.
- 1968 President Johnson declared it a Federal Holiday on the 2nd Monday in October.





HALLOWEEN IN THE US

Since the 1800s, when Irish and Scottish immigrants brought their Halloween festivities to North America, the holiday has evolved considerably. The celebration's connection with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day has mostly fallen by the wayside, and a number of new secular traditions have developed.

For children, dressing up and trick-or-treating door-to-door is still the main event. Most households in the United States and Canada participate. 85 to 90 percent of U.S. children go trick-or-treating or engage in other Halloween festivities every year, and many adults also join in on the fun. In a 2000 poll, the National Retail Federation found that 65 percent of U.S. adults between 18 and 34 attended Halloween costume parties or other celebrations.

In the United States, Halloween lags just behind New Year's Eve and the Super Bowl in total number of parties, and it's second only to Christmas in total consumer dollars spent. According to the National Retail Federation, U.S. consumers spent an average of \$64 per household in 2008 on Halloween candy, costumes and decorations. Families with young children spent an average of \$86. Total Halloween spending for 2008 was estimated at 5.77 billion dollars nationwide.

From "How Things Work" and "National Retail Federation"

TRICK OR TREAT night tips:

If you do NOT want to participate:

- Turn off outdoor light(s) during the scheduled time. Lit outdoor lights are taken as an invitation by trick or treating children.

If you plan to participate:

- Purchase and serve only wrapped candy
- When your supply is gone turn out your outdoor lights.
- Safety Tips for Trick-or-Treaters:
 - Wear costumes that can be seen in the dark.
 - Use reflective tape, carry a flashlight or glow stick.
 - Wear costumes that allow you to see clearly.
 - Wear costumes that allow you to move freely.
 - Never go into a stranger's house or get into their car.
 - Children should be accompanied by an adult.
 - Parents should inspect all candy before it is eaten.
 - Only accept commercially wrapped candy from anyone other than close friends or family members.
 - Don't go into unfamiliar areas.
 - Go with a group if possible.
 - Stay on the sidewalk or close to the curb.



Halloween Happenings...

- Carlisle Halloween Parade
Monday, 17 October : 1900
(From Spring Garden St. and East North
proceed west on North St.,
east on Willow)
- Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
Tuesday, 11 October : 1900
- Trick or Treat Night in Carlisle Borough
Monday, 31 October : 1800 - 2000
Carlisle Barracks Halloween Parade



St., the parade will
south on Hanover and

Thursday, October 31

- 4:30 pm - Parade line-up
- 5:00 pm - Parade kick-off
- 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Trick or Treating on Post
Prizes awarded in the following categories, Most Original, Cutest, Funniest, Best Story Book Character, Best Family, Best Pet.
- (Open to the entire Carlisle Barracks Community.)
- Haunted Attractions

Halloween in Hershey

- Visit *Hersheypark* and experience thrilling “roller ghosters,” spooktacular attractions, and live seasonal entertainment!
Times: Friday: 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM /
- Saturday: 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM .
- For more details visit the site below:
- <http://www.halloweeninhershey.com/index.php>
- (*The following are not for the young or faint of heart...*)
- ***Field of Screams - Mountville, PA***
- <http://www.fieldofscreams.com/>
- ***Jason's Woods - Lancaster, PA***
- www.jasonswoods.com/



Easy Costume ideas

There are many web sites with clever and inexpensive costume ideas for children and adults. Here are a few:

<http://familycrafts.about.com/od/costumes/Halloween>

<http://www.robinsfyi.com/holidays/halloween/costumes.htm>

<http://costumeideazone.com/>

You can also purchase readymade costumes and party supplies in many local stores such as Kmart, WalMart and the Party Outlet at 419 E. High St.

Cultural Program



Welcome to the Cultural Program! It is designed to help the IF ladies learn a little about U.S. culture and the U.S. ladies learn about the 66 different countries represented this year. Conversation and Culture (also known as C&C) is the most visible part of the Cultural Program. C&C is an informal gathering of spouses, both U.S. and international, that meets every Tuesday. The timeframe is usually from 1200 –1400 in the Chapel Assembly Room. Some Tuesdays

have a different schedule and will be published on a monthly basis. Look for the schedule so that you can join us. Please wear your nametags.

C&C is for adults and children over 18 years of age. Please make childcare arrangements for younger children. C&C is open to all AWC spouses, sponsors, friends of IF spouses, and anyone interested in joining the group. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Woods at 385-4128 or email at Elizabeth.Woods1@us.army.mil



Dr. Culture's Newsletter

Honoring Hispanic Heritage, the American Worker,
and
3,000 9-11 Victims

For more cultural information and facts, please see the link below. If the link below does not work, copy and paste into your browser.

http://interlinkconsulting.com/Bonus_Info/SEPTEMBER.pdf